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## ***RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST YEAR***

**SIOUX FALLS, February 20, 2004** – Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 94.7 million pounds during January. This is up 5 percent from one year ago but down 4 percent from last month, according to USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. For January, pork production was up, but sheep and lamb production was down from one year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 446,400 head during January compared to 411,700 head last year. Average live weight was 265 pounds, unchanged from January 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 445,300 head, which was comprised of 800 sows, and 437,300 barrows and gilts.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 700 head during January compared to 900 head last year. Average live weight was 123 pounds, which was up 1 pound from January 2003. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 600 head of lambs and yearlings.

Commercial slaughter data for beef cattle is not published.

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